

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: IES UTILITIES INC.	DOCKET NO. E-21324
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ORDER GRANTING MOTION

(Issued October 25, 1999)

On March 18, 1999, the administrative law judge issued a proposed decision and order in this docket. On April 1, 1999, IES Utilities Inc. (IES) filed with the Utilities Board (Board) a notice of appeal of the proposed decision and order. On August 26, 1999, IES filed a motion to hold this proceeding in abeyance for a period of 45 days from the date the motion was filed. The Board issued an order granting the motion on September 15, 1999.

On October 12, 1999, IES filed a motion requesting the Board hold the matter in abeyance for an additional 60-day period. According to IES, it has met with all of the landowner objectors and has made considerable progress in resolving some of the issues presented in its appeal of the proposed decision. IES requested an additional 60-day period in order to allow sufficient time to complete discussions previously commenced. On October 20, 1999, three parties in the appeal proceeding filed responses to IES's motion. Gary A. Johnson, Sharon A. Johnson, and Kristen E. Nelson Whitaker each stated they do not resist IES's motion.

The Board has reviewed the motion and the responses and will grant the motion. The proceeding will be held in abeyance for an additional 60-day time period. IES should inform the Board and the other parties of its progress prior to the expiration of the additional 60-day period.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

The motion to hold the proceeding in abeyance an additional 60 days, filed by IES Utilities Inc. on October 12, 1999, is granted. The Board shall be notified of progress prior to December 9, 1999.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

ATTEST:

/s/ Raymond K. Vawter, Jr.
Executive Secretary

/s/ Diane Munns

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 25th day of October, 1999.